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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, various fees may be charged
6 for the issuance of driver licenses and nondriver
7 identification cards.

8 This bill would eliminate all fees associated
9 with the issuance of a driver license or nondriver
10 identification card to qualified disabled veterans of
11 the United States Armed Forces.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT
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18 Relating to motor vehicle licenses; to amend Section
19 32-6-4.3 and Sections 32-6-6, 32-6-6.1, 32-6-15, and 32-6-21,
20 as last amended by Act 2022-300, 2022 Regular Session, Code of
21 Alabama 1975, to eliminate all fees associated with the
22 issuance of a driver license or nondriver identification card
23 to qualified disabled veterans of the United States Armed
24 Forces.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 32-6-4.3 and Sections 32-6-6,
27 32-6-6.1, 32-6-15, and 32-6-21, as last amended by Act
28 2022-300, 2022 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 1975, are



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amended to read as follows:

"§32-6-4.3

(a) The nondriver identification card of a resident of this state who is an honorably discharged or a qualified disabled veteran as evidenced by the veteran's DD Form 214, or if the veteran does not have a DD Form 214, as evidenced by the veteran's Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge Record, upon request of the eligible veteran, shall have the word veteran displayed on the nondriver identification card.

(b) The Department of Public Safety may not impose any charge ~~in addition to the nondriver identification card fee~~ for the issuance or renewal of a qualified disabled veteran's nondriver identification card."

"§32-6-6

(a) Each driver license issued by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, except temporary permits or other special circumstances as determined by the Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, shall contain a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee and a color photograph of the licensee, the name, birthdate, address, and a description of the licensee, who, for the purpose of identification and as a condition precedent to the validity of the license, immediately upon receipt of the license, shall endorse his or her usual or regular signature upon the license in the space provided, unless a facsimile of the licensee's signature appears on the license.

(b) A photo driver license and photo nondriver



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identification card as provided in Section 32-6-4 shall have a photo core that meets the minimum width and length dimensions specified in ANSI standards X4.13-1971 and ANSI standard CR80, plus or minus 1/4 inch. In addition to all current and existing fees, the agency may charge an additional fee to recover the cost of producing and issuing photo driver licenses and photo nondriver identification cards. The fee may not exceed ten cents (\$.10) over the actual cost of producing and issuing the license or card including the cost of materials, labor costs, telecommunications costs, computer costs, postage, and any other costs incurred in producing and issuing a license or card.

(c) A driver license issued to a qualified disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or a qualifying student described in Section 16-28-40(b), shall be exempt from any fees under this section.

(d) Revenues collected under this section shall be used by the agency for the sole purpose of this program, and any excess shall revert to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

"§32-6-6.1

In addition to any other fees imposed for issuance of a driver license and photo nondriver identification card, the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall impose an additional fee of fifty cents (\$.50) for each driver license and photo nondriver identification card issued, except for a driver license issued to a qualifying student, as defined in Section 16-28-40(b) (2). A qualified disabled veteran of the



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United States Armed Forces shall be exempt from this fee. The fee collected under this section shall be allocated and appropriated to the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy Trust Fund created by the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy Act of 2008, Division 2, commencing with Section 16-44A-50, of Article 2 of Chapter 44A, and expenditures of the fee pursuant to the master plan for facilities, programs, and outreach provided by that division and its related programs.

"§32-6-15

(a) In the event any driver license issued under this article is lost or destroyed, the individual to whom the same was issued may upon collection of the required fee and upon furnishing proof to the Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency that the same has been lost or destroyed, secure a duplicate. No fee shall be charged to a qualified student, as defined by Section 16-28-40(b)(2), for his or her first duplicate driver license. The second and subsequent duplicates applied for shall require the payment of a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) and, upon furnishing proof to the secretary that his or her previously held license or duplicate has been lost or destroyed, secure another duplicate.

Application for a duplicate shall be made to the secretary on forms provided by the secretary. The fee shall be collected by the secretary, paid into the State Treasury, and credited to the Highway Traffic Safety Fund for the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency. No fee for any duplicate license shall be charged to any qualified disabled veteran of the United State Armed Forces.



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(b) Any person making a false affidavit to the Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency for the purpose of obtaining a duplicate driver license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days or by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

"§32-6-21

(a) Every applicant for an original driver license, temporary instruction and learner permit, and motor driven cycle operator license, shall pay an examination fee of five dollars (\$5) to the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency upon applying to the officer, state trooper, or duly authorized agent of the Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, or to one of them where there is more than one designated by the secretary. The five dollar (\$5) fee shall be required prior to each examination. No driver license examination fee shall be charged to a qualified disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or qualified student, as defined in Section 16-28-40(b)(2), for his or her first examination.

(b) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall issue proper receipts for the examination fee and shall properly transmit all monies received by the agency for deposit in the State General Fund."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.